

6 amdt a forte)

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 4450-0136P

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James E. DeGrange et al.

Serial No.: 09/777,786

Filed: February 6, 2001

For: POWER BALANCED OPTIAL ADD MULTIPLEXER AND POWER BALANCING METHODS THEREFORE

METHODS THEREFORE

MCC VIOLENTIAL ADD FEB 2 3 2004

Technology Center 2600

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 17, 2004

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, the due date for response having been petitioned to be extended two (2) month to March 6, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Claim Set As Amended; and Remarks.

02/20/2004 TBESHRH1 00000131 09777786

01 FC:1252

420.00 OP